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1998 Evergreen Award For Pollution Prevention Cascade Pest Control Bellevue, Washington

The Environmental Protection Agency's 1998 Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention honors the extensive environmental efforts of Cascade Pest Control of Bellevue, Washington. Cascade's commitment to safeguarding the land, water and air resources of the Puget Sound area makes the company a deserving recipient of this recognition.

Cascade Pest Control is a small family-owned business providing environmentally sensitive pest control services for businesses and residential properties.

Pollution Prevention Success

For almost twenty years, Cascade Pest Control has successfully incorporated Integrated Pest Management (IPM) techniques to reduce the overall application of toxic chemicals to the environment. IPM uses biological, mechanical, and cultural pest control methods alone, or in combination with, the least toxic chemical control method. For instance, Cascade Pest Control uses a citrus-based product to control fleas, which is far less toxic than Dursban, the industry standard. Other pollution prevention efforts include:

- o Purchasing chemicals with a nearly unlimited shelf-life to eliminate hazardous waste disposal.
- o Triple-rinsing pesticide containers and reusing the rinse water as applicable dilution.
- o Using a computerized system to track each technician's use of pesticides, creating awareness and minimizing chemical use.
- o Replacing all 50-gallon bulk tanks with one- and four-gallon hand pump sprayers, helping to protect against leaks and spills.
- o Recycling vehicle products where possible, including motor oil, transmission fluid, batteries and antifreeze.
- o Washing trucks with biodegradable detergents over grass, in accordance with the City of Bellevue's "Business Partners for Clean Water" guidance.

Commitment to Environmental Quality

Cascade's philosophy maintains that the actions of just one person can contaminate the soil, a stream, or a home. Cascade Pest Control routinely holds weekly hour-long staff meetings to discuss pesticide laws, safety principles, the applications of IPM, accident prevention, chemical drift, water quality protection and recycling office waste.

Environmental Leadership

Cascade's "Statement of Environmental Commitment" has been adopted by the Washington State Pest Control Trade Association. The owner of Cascade Pest Control also serves on the King County Pesticide Advisory Board with the Seattle-King County Health Department. Cascade was the first recipient of the Western Washington Better Business Bureau's Ethics in Business Award and was one of twelve finalist companies for the National Better Business Bureau's Torch Award. The company maintains active membership in both the City of Bellevue's "Business Partners for Clean Water" program and the King County "Business in the Green" program.

Cascade Pest Control has received the following environmental honors:

- 1993: Waste Information Network Environmental Achievement Award -
Business category winner for pollution prevention
- 1993: Governor's Award for Excellence in Pollution Prevention
- 1994: Washington State Ecological Commission's Environmental Excellence Award
- 1995: Governor's Award for Continued Excellence in Pollution Prevention
- 1995: EnviroStars - Highest five star rating for hazardous waste prevention and management
- 1996: Association of Washington Businesses Environmental Excellence Award
for Educational Outreach
- 1997: Green Globe Award

**For more information about Cascade Pest Control's environmental achievements,
contact Kurt Treftz at (425) 641-6264.**

The Evergreen Award for Pollution Prevention

EPA's Evergreen Award recognizes outstanding pollution prevention efforts within all sectors of the greater Pacific Northwest business community.

For more information about the
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